

## 1996 Cold Related Fatalities

Extreme cold claimed 62 lives in 1996. As with extreme heat, the elderly are the most susceptible. Of the 62 fatalities, 34 (55%) were 60+ years old and 20 (32%) were 30 to 60 years old. Many of the deaths were the result of elderly persons falling outside their homes, becoming unable to get up and dying of hypothermia. Other deaths were homeless people who did not seek shelter during below-freezing nights or persons living in unheated homes. Another 31 injuries were reported. Crop damage has been estimated at \$260 million.

### 1996 COLD RELATED FATALITIES BY STATE AND LOCATION

<u>STATE</u>	<u>IW</u>	<u>MH</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>OU</u>	<u>PH</u>	<u>VE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
AL	0	0	0	1	2	0	3
CO	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
GA	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
IA	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
IL	0	0	1	1	3	0	5
LA	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
MI	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
MS	0	0	0	2	1	0	3
MT	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
NC	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
ND	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
NH	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
OH	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
OK	0	0	1	1	0	1	3
SC	3	0	0	1	2	0	6
SD	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
TN	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
TX	0	0	0	4	1	0	5
VA	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
WA	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
WI	0	0	2	6	2	0	10
WY	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>PERCENT</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>101*</b>

(\* Due to rounding total does not equal 100%)

### 1996 COLD RELATED FATALITIES BY AGE AND GENDER

	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>UNKNOWN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
0 TO 9	0	1	0	1	2
10 TO 19	0	1	0	1	2
20 TO 29	1	2	0	3	5
30 TO 39	3	4	0	7	11
40 TO 49	2	5	0	7	11
50 TO 59	0	6	0	6	10
60 TO 69	0	5	0	5	8
70 TO 79	5	9	0	14	23
80 TO 89	6	7	0	13	21
90 TO --	0	2	0	2	3
UNKNOWN	0	1	2	3	5
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>101*</b>
<b>PERCENT</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>100</b>	

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#### LEGEND

**IW** - In Water  
**MH** - Mobile Home  
**OT** - Other/Unknown  
**OU** - Outside Open  
**PH** - Permanent Home  
**VE** - Vehicle